

COUNCIL WRAP UP

FROM MAYOR LEWIS



CITY BUDGET AND TAX RATE APPROVED

The City Council approved Forney's next fiscal year budget along with its reduced City property tax rate to \$0.501/ \$100 valuation (\$0.538 last year). The new budget year starts October 1st and can be seen [here](#). The breakdown of your annual property tax bill can also be seen [here](#).

FORENSIC AUDIT UPDATE

Council directed staff to enter into negotiations with the Weaver accounting firm for its forensic audit. The original scope of the project included such areas of a review for COVID hazard pay, 2020 COVID relief funds, special events and park funds, and all contracts > \$50,000. An audit of this nature is a highly-specialized accounting practice to investigate irregularities, certain practices, financial process flow, and internal controls. In order to be cost effective, staff recommended a workshop and the final scope will be narrowed down prior to entering into the contract.

SCHOOL ZONES APPROVED

There are two new schools in Fisd that opened up this Fall - Jackson Middle School and Rhodes Intermediate School. Both schools are located north of the FM740/ Pinson intersection near Innovation Boulevard and Inspiration Way. Council approved two new school zones for this area including one on Ranch Road.

RANCH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Heavy traffic in this same vicinity led the City to take action to provide some congestion relief on Ranch Road. Just north of the intersection (near Criswell Elementary), there will be two dedicated northbound lanes added plus 3 southbound lanes which will include a designated left turn lane. Further transportation improvements to this general area are of high priority and will take cooperation with TXDOT and the County. Further updates on Transportation will be presented to Council later this year.

MARKOUT WATER SUPPLY

The City of Mesquite has recently acquired the Markout Water Supply Corporation - who services many homes including the City's own Grayhawk subdivision. City Council approved the transfer for Mesquite to continue the water service until such time the City of Forney is able to provide the water services. In the interim, Mesquite will set the retail rate which will be a reduced rate comparative to the previous Markout rates.

ROAD REHAB PROJECTS

Public Works Director, Kyle Groves, provided a list the top 6 Street Rehab Projects for its current maintenance budget of \$1M. These projects were deemed the most critical at this time and can be seen [here](#). The City has an additional 13 roads identified and will be addressed when the funding becomes available. All roads and their position on the list are subject to change depending on the progress.

The next Forney City Council Meeting will be on September 21st. Watch live at forneytx.gov